

Remarks

Claim 22 is amended. Claims 2 to 10, 12 to 16 and 20 to 23 are pending in this application of which only claim 20 is in independent form.

The application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matter noted on page 2, paragraph 1, of the action. Specifically, the phrase "a first play distance from said base" in claim 22, line 6, was unclear. Accordingly, claim 22 is amended herein to delete the term "first play" and to recite that the third play (b) corresponds to a first distance in a first cross section of the coil spring in the transition section and that this third play (b) increases to correspond to a second distance (b') from the base greater than the first distance.

In view of the amendment to claim 22, applicants believe that the confusion noted in the action because of the term "a first play distance" is now avoided.

The application should be in condition for allowance.

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